basic amenities in Hyderabad at an estimated cost of Rs. 913 crores. The proposal has been recommended by this Ministry to the Planning Commission. No final decision has been arrived at regarding size of project and pattern of funding.

Amrahat Pump Canal Plan in Kanpur

4625. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have altogether dropped the 2nd Phase of Amrahat Pump Canal plan at Pukhrain in Kanpur Dehat, promised to be completed within 24 months by late Shri Rajiv Gandhi in 1989; and

(b) if not, what is the present schedule of its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Amrahat pump canal scheme Stage-II estimated to cost Rs. 18.75 crores is a new scheme included in VIII Plan with an outlay of Rs. 5 crores. The State Government is required to send the project report to the Centre to secure investment clearance.

Delay in granting approval of irrigation projects in Tamil Nadu

4626. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delay in granting approval to a number of major irrigation projects in Tamil Nadu resulted in cost escalation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide special assistance during the Eighth Five Year Plan for their early completion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The investment clearance to a project submitted by the State Government depends upon how soon it complies with the observations of the various Appraising Agencies to establish techno-economic feasibility of the project and obtains clearances from the Ministry of Environment & Forests on environment and forests angles and from the Ministry of Welfare on rehabilitation and resettlement aspects if the construction of the project involves displacement of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes population. The escalation in cost of a project can be considered only after the project receives investment clearance. The execution of the project is the responsibility of the State Government and its completion is delayed mainly due to non-availability of adequate funds.

(c) and (d) VIII Plan strategy lays emphasis on completion of on-going irrigation projects. The Planning Commission has allocated an outlay of Rs. 260 crores for major and medium irrigation schemes in Tamil Nadu for VIII Plan.

Irrigation projects received from Tamil Nadu

4627. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals of major and medium irrigation projects received by the Central Government from the Government of Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years;